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1. DURING DECEMBER 23 CEREMONY FOR PRESENTATION OF
U.S. ARMY CEREMONIAL SABER TO GENERAL MAIOR (ONE STAR)
DUMITRU, CHIEF OF ROMANIAN MILITARY INTELLIGENCE,
DUMITRU NOTED THAT ROMANIAN MILITARY IS CONSIDERING
INVITATION TO MG THOMPSON, ACSI, DA, AND COMMENTED THAT
INVITATION OPENED DOOR TO DISCUSSION OF MILITARY
VISITS IN GENERAL. STANDING INVITATION FROM CHIEF OF
STAFF USAF TO COMMANDER ROMANIAN AIR FORCE TO VISIT
U.S. WOULD NOW BE POSITIVELY CONSIDERED, HE WENT
ON, SINCE GENERAL MAIOR ZARNESCU HAS BEEN RECENTLY
APPOINTED TO ROMANIAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER
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POSITION VICE GENERAL GENERAL NICULESCU. IT IS MUCH
BETTER, DUMITRU SAID, FOR ROMANIAN OFFICERS TO
VISIT CONTINENTAL U.S. THAN TO VISIT GERMANY
"OR SIXTH FLEET;" ROMANIANS ARE INTERESTED "ONLY
IN BILATERAL EXCHANGES."

2. COMMENT. MINDEF HAS INDICATED THAT DEFENSE

MINISTER COMAN INTENDS TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR FOR INITIAL COURTESY CALL AFTER NEW YEAR HOLIDAY, AND AMBASSADOR WOULD PLAN TO ASK AFTER STATUS OF SIXTH FLEET VISIT INVITATION TO ULMEANU AND STEFAN AND PRESENT COMAN WITH PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE SCHEDULES PER REF B. GIVEN ULMEANU'S ILLNESS (REF A) AND DUMITRU COMMENTS REPORTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY UNLIKELY THAT SIXTH FLEET INVITATION WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO ROMANIANS. SIXTH FLEET'S NATO CONNECTION IS ALMOST CERTAINLY MAJOR OBSTACLE, BUT ULMEANU'S ILLNESS PROVIDES PERFECT EXCUSE FOR PROLONGED DELAY IN REPLYING. ONE PROSPECT, THEREFORE, IS POLITE STALEMATE BASED OSTENSIBLY ON ULMEANU'S POOR HEALTH.

3. AT SAME TIME, IT REMAINS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN OUR PROGRAM OF MILITARY EXCHANGES WITH ROMANIA

Z, AND WE BELIEVE DUMITRU HAS SUGGESTED BEST MEANS OF DOING SO, IN TWO WAYS:

- REAFFIRM INVITATION TO ROMANIAN AIR FORCE COMMANDER AUTHORIZED REF D AND REITERATED MOST RECENTLY TO COMAN OCTOBER 17 (AS REPORTED REC C), SPECIFYING GENERAL MAIOR ZARNESCU; AND
- DEPENDING ON COMAN'S RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR CONCERNING ULMEANU SIXTH FLEET VISIT, PURSUE THIS POSSIBILITY OR, IF COMAN DEFLECTS QUESTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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SUGGEST PFGCATIB HJ ULMEANU AND STEFAN TO VISIT CONUS AT SOME LATER DATE. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED IN UPCOMING CALL ON COMAN ALONG LINES SET FORTH PARA 3 ABOVE.
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